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"Peace" In Locarno — War In Balkans

TWO days after all the newspapers of America were featuring in huge headlines the announcement that war had been averted in Europe by the Locarno Pact and that a period of prolonged peace was the assured prospect before the weary peoples of that continent, the very same kept rags of American bankers were forced to tell in screaming headlines that the cauldron was bottling again in Europe and that the danger of a new war was imminent.

An insignificant pretext the military dictatorship of Pangalos in Greece—the government which has hounded to death or imprisonment the flower of the revolutionary working class in the Communist Party, the Young Communist League, and the trade union movement—invaded the territory of the Bulgarian government, the prostituted vassal of French and American capital, the murderer of thousands of its own revolutionary working class.

A new war menaces Europe once more! The Locarno Pact has received the death blow of irony!

The Greeks demand two million gold francs as indemnity for the killing of Greek soldiers near Demirhisar, which the Bulgarian government has promised to pay. The Greeks demand an apology, which the Bulgarians have agreed to make. But the occupation of Bulgaria continues, the shooting of Bulgarian workers and peasants goes on. Greece maintains its army on Bulgarian soil "until the final payment of the indemnity is made." And the league of nations, the fossilized instrument of British imperialism is helpless in the face of this world crisis.

Capitalism has failed once more to solve the huge problems that confront it and which come about as a result of its own contradictions. New wars threaten the workers—not only of Europe, but also of this country. The investments of American finance capital have involved American imperialism in every movement and event of European diplomacy, commerce, finance and wars.

The Locarno Pact—the temporary achievement of a united front of European capitalism against the working class republic of Russia—is failing to pieces before the very eyes of the bourgeoisie. The hope of American financiers to achieve a temporary pacification and stabilization of Europe so that it may better be able to collect their huge debts and to still further burden the European war-weary and tax-ridden working class and peasantry, are going up into thin air.

The peace of the world can be achieved only by the action of the long oppressed workers and farmers, to overthrow the governments of the capitalists and build the rule of the proletariat. The running sores of imperialism, breaking out in such conflicts as that which is at present involving Bulgaria and Greece as immediate factors, will be healed only by the burning to death of capitalism and the establishment of the working class republics of the world.

The bourgeoisie and their imperialisms are bankrupt! Only the revolutionary workers march on to the salvation of the peoples of the world!

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS REFUSE TO FEEL HEAVY BURDEN OF KID WORKER

BOSTON.—Reactionary tendencies are becoming more strongly evident in the Christian Monitor, long praised as the model of what a daily newspaper should be.

The single issue of Oct. 10 contains three definite lapses of a major character. Its editorial page gives leading space in the letters to the editor column to a detailed attack on the child labor constitutional amendment with a sideswipe at what the writer terms "these so-called 'humanitarian' amendments."

Come Ahead Into the Young Workers League

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WAR FLAMES IN EUROPE SENDING LOCARNO PACT UP IN SMOKE

BALKANS, CHINA, AFRICA AND NEAR EAST BELIE "PEACE"

Scarcely have the echoes of the cheering over the "dawn of peace" died down, scarcely has the carefully prearranged jubilation over the "era of world peace" to be ushered in by the Locarno "security pacts" recently signed subsided—when the roar of the cannon and the cry of the wounded and homeless, when the rumblings of war, are beginning to be heard with renewed intensity in every part of the world. Thus go overboard the "hopes" of world peace so confidently extended by the capitalist diplomats to the deluded masses of the world's toilers; thus again does the course of events impress on the workers the truth that under Imperialism—which means under capitalism—talk of world peace and harmony remains only talk—that is not even sinfully meant but that is intended to delude the masses into a fancied security under the rule of capital.

Imperialism in China.

Beginnings of new civil wars in China, carefully nurtured and arranged by the rival imperialist powers, can easily be distinguished. The Chinese militarist brigands—the "war lords" who are merely puppets in the hands of the great world powers are rearranging their alliances for conflicts among themselves and for an around struggle against the Canton forces which are under the control of the Left Wing of the Kuomintang, and which are therefore characterized by the capitalist press as "Red." General Wu Pei-fu, one of the worst of the brigands, whose forces hold Shanghai, Nanking, and the North has recently come out of retirement and has joined forces with Feng Yu-hsiang, who had only a short time ago betrayed him. Both are now trying to oust Chang Tsai-lin, the "lord" of Peking and Manchuria. Behind these bloodthirsty robbers, like the substances behind the shadow, can be discerned English, French, Japanese, and American finance-capital manipulating with Chinese masses one against the other and all against the rising tide of the mass national revolt of the Chinese workers and peasants. "Japan," the newspapers say, "is neutral in this quarrel," and the same is said of the other Imperialist powers. But it is the kind of "neutrality" that is intended for the consumption of the masses at home but that does not interfere with laying waste to Chinese resources and slaughtering masses of the Chinese toilers behind the transparent disguise of "independent" puppet "war lords." At Locarno, Chamberlain, Briand, Stresemann, and Mussolini, under the auspices of the House of Morgan Government of America, have been mounting sweet words of everlasting peace while in China, the mutual contradictions and antagonisms of the capitalist interests they each represent are on the point of bursting out into more indiscriminate slaughter and destruction. French imperialism in Africa and in

Near East.

In the midst of all the love embraces and mutual promises of perpetual peace at Locarno, no one seems to have remembered the French not-so-peaceful venture in Morocco. Perhaps, this "jarring" note was intentionally kept from sight in order not to destroy the general "harmony." Yet at that very moment, the armed forces of France and Spain were carrying on a bitter imperialist struggle against the native population of their North African colonies. The struggle of the Rif tribesmen is plainly a part of the worldwide movement of pressed peoples against capitalist imperialism and is to a large extent seen as such by the leaders of the native revolutionaries themselves.

"Europe," says Abdel-Krim, the Rif Chieftain, "corrupted by the world war that was turned loose by the imperialism that is part of its own capitalistic system, has lost its right to impose its will on peoples of another continent." The struggle has been long and bitter. The French military machine has turned its best resources against the Rifian tribesmen but has so far advanced very little in the direction of subduing them. In the beginning American capital did not officially intervene but many American citizens, aviators and soldiers, can be found among the French forces bombing villages, wiping out whole towns, and butchering hundreds of natives. What are these citizens of "the land of the Free" doing in the armies of a foreign despotic power trying to repress a people striving for

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FORWARD TO LEAGUE UNITY!

"In the League there are no longer any differences on political questions! The League completely and unquestionably accepts the decisions of the E. C. C. I. A decisive struggle against the right danger—against the right elements which openly or covertly lead a fight against the line of the Executive of the Comintern! The unity of the League! The consolidation and utilization of all Communist forces! The unanimous support of the N. E. C. Real mass work! A mass League!" These are the slogans upon which the remains of factionalism generated almost two years of struggle in the League and Party and remaining after the recent Party and League Conventions have finally been liquidated and complete, organic, unity established in the Young Workers (Communist) League of America.

Altho the decision of the Comintern, the Fourth Convention of the W. P., and the Third Convention of the Y. W. L., had removed the political basis for the internal differences in the organization, the remains of the factional spirit naturally hung over and did not disappear immediately in the ranks of our League. It also began to grow apparent that the position of Comrade Foster and those

who agree with him in his attitude on American Party was becoming the center of crystallization of a right wing fraction and was tending to strengthen and group around itself the right wing elements of the Party. On the other hand, signs began to appear of the crystallization of an intermediate group and a new fraction. It was on the basis of the complete liquidation of the remains of factionalism, the struggle against the right dangers involved in the "position" of the group that continues to follow the line of Comrade Foster after the cabled decision of the C. I., "the decisive struggle against the formation of an intermediate group," and the consolidation of all Bolshevik elements in the League, that unity was finally accomplished in the League.

Thru the initiative of the Executive Committee of the Young Communist International, the Political Committee of the N. E. C. in conjunction with all the members of the N. E. C. who could be summoned considered the situation in the League and finally came to the conclusion recorded in the unanimously accepted resolution printed elsewhere in this issue.

This resolution, providing the political basis for unity, is a registration of the fact that henceforth there are

TOOHEY AND REID FREE FROM JAIL

Young Workers League Organizing Drive in Anthracite

DEMAND 100 PER CENT STRIKE

BULLETIN.
SCRANTON, Pa.—After a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Newcomb, Alex Reid, secretary of the Progressive Miners' Committee and Pat Toohey, young miners' leader and active member of the Young Workers League, were released on their own recognition with the instruction to leave town immediately. The two miners had been in the workhouse for a month, following a declaration of Rinaldo Capellini, official of the United Mine Workers of America, that all Communist meetings should be broken up. Previous attempts to secure their release had failed.

Progressives Demand Action.
SCRANTON, Pa.—The Progressive Miners' Committee and the Trade Union Educational League have issued statements to the striking anthracite miners and demands upon John L. Lewis, reactionary president of the union, to take action to win the bitter struggle that the miners have

The Trade Union Educational League has issued a call to the miners with the slogan: All maintenance men out of the mine a minute a scab sets foot in it! In reply to the campaign of the anthracite bosses to crush the strike and institute the open shop the miners must say: One hundred per cent strike!

The Progressives' Committee has called upon Lewis to quit sabotaging the strike and to get into the struggle of the coal diggers who are undergoing great hardships and sticking it out loyally.

U. W. L. to Organize.

Considering the fact that there are thousands of young workers involved in the strike, the Young Workers League intends to send an organizer into the field in the immediate future.

Comrade Pat Toohey, just released from jail, will make the tour giving the position of the Young Workers League to the youth in the anthracite and pushing forward for the special demands for young workers which have been raised in the strike.

The Y. W. L. is demanding equal wages for equal work for young and old miners, the abolition of the "scales" system, where young workers are discriminated against and for a minimum wage of \$10 per day for all miners at the face, a six-hour day and five-day week and a real movement for a labor party. The call for the repudiation of the Lewis machine and its dealing with the anthracite operators and the support of the progressive platform is another demand in

PLATOON SYSTEM IS BOOSTED BY HEAD OF SCHOOL TO BOSSSES

Capitalists Favor System

Speaking before the luncheon of the Association of Commerce, Charles H. Judd, director of the University of Chicago school of education, declared for the extension of the platoon system from the junior high schools into the grade schools.

This reactionary was forced to give recognition to the forces which are opposing this movement by saying, "Panic deliberately has been fostered against the platoon and junior high school ideas in this city."

The platoon system is a scheme to unload from the shoulders of the rich tax-payers and to increase the discomfort of working class children in the schools. The training they get there is solely to prepare them to become good bootlickers to their future bosses and to be capable and willing to scab in the struggles of the adult workers. The Young Workers League is fighting against the platoon system and is enlisting the support not only of the working class children, but also of the progressive teachers and working class parents, as well as the organized labor movement as a whole.

The plans of the bourgeoisie must be fought energetically by all militant workers.

Red Army Is Reduced to New Low Record; Lower Than Its Foes

The Red army numbers 562,000 men, according to official figures, compared with a standing army of 1,350,000 under the czar's regime. Russia, with a population of over 130,000,000, has an army that is smaller by 183,000 men than that of France whose population is only 39,000,000. The Red army is also smaller by 17,000 than the combined armies of the border states, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania, whose combined population is 50,000,000.

the program of the League.

Aid will be given to the campaign of the Young Workers League in the anthracite by all progressive elements, it being well known that the Young Workers League has always been a source of support to all progressive movements and has in many instances taken the initiative and the burden of the work in them.

Announcements of all details of the campaign of the League will be made in a short time. All arrangements are already being made for a real drive to establish the Young Workers League as a real factor in the anthracite field as a basis for spreading out through the entire mining territory of the country.

AMERICAN NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS WILL CONSIDER YOUTH PROBLEM

DEMAND REMOVAL OF COLOR BAR IN TRADE UNIONS

no longer any "groups" in the Y. W. L.; henceforth there will not be any "groupings" on committees and in the units of the organization. Henceforth, the League is a united whole.

With the factional struggle thing of the past, the League is now turning its face to real mass work. "The N. E. C. declares," the resolution reads, "that the first task on the basis of the accepted political line is to concentrate all efforts to accomplish real mass work by the League. The work in the mills, trade unions, sport organizations and others, reorganization of the League on the basis of shop nuclei, economic and educational work, work among the Negroes, work in the opponent organizations, etc.—these are the tasks which must be made the center of our attention."

A new page has been turned in the history of the Communist Youth Movement in this country. With united forces, forward to the building of mass Leninist League of Youth in America!

Our strength lies in UNITY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMINTERN AND THE Y. C. I.

(For Unity Resolution See Page Three)

T.U. Unity Must Includethe Youth

DEMAND REMOVAL OF COLOR BAR IN TRADE UNIONS

Arthur A. Purell, president of the International Federation of Trade Unions, is at present in this country conveying to thousands of workers the message of International Trade Union Unity. The burden of his message is what he tried in vain to impress upon the bureaucrats at the American Federation of Labor Convention recently.

"Against the international front of Imperialism—the unity of the world trade union movement!" For the American workers and for the toilers of all lands this message carries much promise. It holds forth the prospect of a united trade union movement, including the American, German, the French, the English, the Russian, and all other unions in one worldwide organization, able to put up an effective resistance against the renewed attacks of world imperialism, against the new capitalist offensive of wage cuts, of lengthening of hours, of lowering of the conditions of life, of imperialist wars, in a word, against the destruction of the whole labor movement. The organized workers of the world are now at a critical point. Disunity will lead to destruction. Safety lies ahead only in the international unity of the workers.

Otto Huiswood, a colored worker from New York and a delegate to the congress, urged the congress to take concrete steps toward the organization of the Negroes into labor unions. He pointed out that when color prejudice works in such a way as to keep Negroes out of various other organizations, they do not for this reason remain on the outside of these activities, but organize their own. The Negro workers must take the same stand with regard to the trade union question, Huiswood pointed out. If they cannot force the A. F. of L. officialdom to admit the Negro workers, then these workers must organize their own unions and use these organizations not to fight the white workers but to get into the movement of the whole working class and fight with it in its struggles against the owners.

C. W. Fulp, president of the local union of the United Mine Workers of America in Primrose, Pennsylvania, and Norval Allen, southern organizer of the American Negro Labor Congress, told of fights waged by Negro workers to enter the trade unions, and urged the delegates to adopt concrete measures of organization.

Negro Kept Press Is Silent.

The entire capitalist press, including the race press owned and controlled by a few wealthy Negroes, has been carrying out what Lovett Fort-Whitman, national organizer of the congress, characterized before the congress as a "conspiracy of silence."

Months before the congress opened, the capitalist newspapers were carrying "exposes" of this gathering of Negro labor, branding it as "a tool of Moscow, which will only fool and betray the colored workers."

One and all, they "warned" the colored workers to keep away from this congress—to boycott it. And now that their efforts have resulted in complete failure—now that these servants of the bosses realize that in spite of their lying attacks, the American Negro Labor Congress is successfully working out plans for the solution of the problems of the race; now that they see the Negro thinking of himself as a worker with aims and interests like the aims and interests of the white workers of the United States—now these papers have resorted to the expedient of ignoring the congress. Since the congress opened, only one or two of the capitalist papers have mentioned the gathering. The others have dismissed it with a notice, and a lying sentence or two.

Introduce Youth Resolution.

A resolution on the specific problems of the Negro youth is being introduced by the young Negro delegates who are present. This resolution will undoubtedly express the opinions of the overwhelming majority of the congress. The demand for the abolition of segregation in schools and for the penalizing of flogging of young Negroes on Southern plantations, where this method of capitalist civilization is still in vogue, is included in the resolution. A six-hour day and five-day week for young workers is also called for.

H. V. Phillips, prominent Negro progressive youth leader, is taking an active part in the congress deliberations, having been the secretary of the organization committee under whose auspices the congress was arranged.

The next issue of the Young Worker will carry a complete and detailed report of the proceedings of the congress and deserves wide distribution among all sections of the Negro youth.

THE OTHER

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CAPITALISM

ONE SIDE

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THOUSANDS OF WORKERS SACRIFICED IN FRENCH WAR GAME

PARIS, France.—The French losses in the war against the Rifians in Morocco have up to October 1, amounted to 2,176 killed, including 37 officers, and 8,297 wounded, according to a report made by Premier Painlevé before the finance committee of the chamber of deputies in an appeal for more funds to carry on the war. Those killed were mainly workers and peasants. The revolutionary workers in the Communist Party, Young Communist League and the red trade unions are carrying on

LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS MEET

Calling Conference in Panama City for June 22nd

TO FIGHT U. S. IMPERIALISM

By MANUEL GOMEZ.
Secretary, All-America Anti-Imperialist League.

A direct challenge to American imperialism is contained in the stirring call sent out by the Panama Students' Federation for a congress of Latin-American students to meet in the city of Panama, June 22, 1926.

This date, the centenary of the famous Latin American congress called together by the great liberator, Simon Bolivar, has been deliberately chosen, as a date which symbolizes struggle against imperialism. Then it was the imperialism of discredited Spain; now it is the all-enveloping domination of profit-hungry Wall Street.

What the Latin American students fully realize the task that is ahead of them if they are to play a part in the liberation of their respective countries is clearly seen in the replies that have poured in upon the secretary of the Panama Federation from student organizations in Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Argentina, and all over Latin America. There is one note struck in every one of these replies. Without exception they declare that the primary task of Latin American students is to unite their forces for national liberation. Consequently, the first order of business at the congress which meets next June is the organization of a Hispano-American students' federation.

The following countries have been invited: Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Peru, Ecuador, Chile, Argentina, Haiti, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Santo Domingo, and the Philippine Islands.

The fact of the inclusion of Haiti and the Philippine Islands in this list is significant of the conscious anti-imperialist purpose animating the congress. Haiti is not a Spanish-American country for the language of the people is French—and the Philippines are much more of an Asiatic than a Spanish-American country—but both of these countries are oppressed by American imperialism, both of them are necessary units in any concerted drive to overthrow the power of Wall Street. With the addition of fraternal delegates from revolutionary working class organizations of the American youth, all the elements will be present to make of the Panama students' congress an historic step not only in the creation of a great and firm Latin American students' federation, but in the dedication of such a body to the overthrow of the great exploiter of the Western World.

AMMUNITION IS NEEDED BY U.S.

American Imperialism's Bomb Reserve Called Dangerously Low

WASHINGTON.—America's national defense faces a "critical" situation on account of shortage of ammunition in all services because of administration economies, the president's air board was told today by Brig. Fox Conner, assistant chief of staff of the army.

What War?

Unless ammunition reserves are built up immediately, Connor declared, all branches of the national defense will be "helpless" in time of war.

The army air service, he declared, however, has been given better treatment and a greater proportion of available funds than any other service.

Reserve Dangerously Low

"Our ammunition reserve is disappearing," was Connor's warning. "It takes approximately eleven months to get into production of ammunition. Unless a reserve is maintained all arms, including the air service, are helpless until quantity production can begin. Since the world war virtually nothing has been done to maintain the reserve," said Conner.

Must Have Bombs!

Deterioration is marked, especially in certain quarters and the situation is becoming critical. Over \$15,000,000 yearly are needed to maintain the modest reserve we have established on paper. The shortage in bombs alone for the use of the air service is well over \$12,000,000."

Connor also declared the United States was safe from foreign air invasions. He gave a different reason however, than any preceding witness, contending that the enemy planes could never be landed from enemy ships in sufficient quantity to stage an attack.

HARTFORD, CONN. ATTENTION!
Get the Young Worker, Daily Worker, Workers Monthly and other Party and League literature at Shulman's news stand, State and Main Streets, Hartford, Conn.

Harvey Firestone Goes to Liberia

By JOHN HARVEY

THE plan of the Firestone interests to spend \$100,000,000 on a 1,00,000 acre development in Siberia with the ambition of raising 250,000 tons of crude rubber each year there, is a significant step in the spread of U. S. imperialism over the whole world.

Further, the monopoly that the British have long maintained has been so complete that they have been able to restrict production thru the so-called Stevenson plan placing prohibitory duty on exports—which has resulted in the highest prices for the American buyers. Although the American interests have long stated their ambitions as in favor of breaking this monopoly, it is expected that if this enterprise is successful they will soon forget all their ideas about trade—and aim at a similar world monopoly under the trust at present being formed of American interests. Such an aim cannot be accomplished without the greatest struggle.

As regards the monopoly of the world's rubber trade, the colonization of Liberia is an ambitious step indeed.

At the present time Great Britain, with Holland, controls more than 97 per cent of the yearly rubber output

for the world, while the U. S. rubber interests control only 3 per cent. The present scheme for the rapid colonization and development of Liberia will make the U. S. rubber interests producers of at least 50 per cent of the world's crude rubber.

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big increase in rubber production, brought about through the development of the automobile, England has been in the saddle. No one can deny that, through her energy and vision, she did not fairly win the benefits she has enjoyed. If, today, she makes America squirm because America pressed the settlement of the war debt, America has no rejoiner.

The following quotation from an editorial in that imperialist organ "The Chicago Tribune" gives an idea of the absolute monopoly of the British in the rubber market:

"In no other line of colonial enterprise has England, greatest colonizer of them all, been more foreseen than in her cornering of the world's rubber market. Forced by Brazilian trade tactics to build up her own supply, she pioneered in the far east. She went into the Malay peninsula in the early '70s, made treaties, established protectorates and followed up by sending in agents, capital, and seedlings of the Para rubber tree grown in the Kew Gardens. She did not confine herself to Malaysia, but began the culture of India, Burma, and Ceylon.

"From the commencement of the

home investments. The British rubber growers have always laughed at the idea of American entering that market, because of our attitude towards tropical investments. But I want it understood that this is wholly serious, and the first real American bit at growing our own rubber. We have to start at the bottom, plant the country and build everything we need, but conditions are highly favorable, and our labor cost will be 50 per cent less than that in the Malay Peninsula."

What better proof could there be that the ambitions of U. S. imperialism are unquestionable, and that its growth while British empire is in such a trembling condition is driving the British to desperation, if not to war.

At the same time, with the greatest possible speed, this American rubber trust is developing an army of 300,000 workers among a population of 1,500,000 natives, which will make Liberia a new ally of the exploited colonial peoples and the wretches of the world in the struggle against imperialism, its contradictions and wars.

The deep-seated antagonisms between the exploiters and the exploited, between the oppressors and the oppressed—a struggle that shows itself in the campaign against the Soviet Union, in the bitter and violent everyday struggle of the workers, and so on? Capitalism cannot lift itself by its own bootstraps; it cannot escape from its own contradictions. As long as capitalism continues to exist—just so long will wars and slaughters remain on the order of the day. This is the lesson of "Locarno and after." Young Workers!! Against Capitalist Militarism and War!! War Against War!! Defend the Soviet Union!!

The struggle against imperialist wars and against capitalist militarism is above all the struggle of the young workers. It is the flower of the toiling youth that imperialist war swallows up and destroys for the sake of greater power and profit for the masters. The working class youth of America must fight against American imperialism and against its militarist ventures in Central America, in Cuba, in Haiti, in the Philippines, in the Near East and all over the world.

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MERCILESS EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG WORKERS IN OPEN SHOP PARADISE OF WEST VIRGINIA

By REGINA MYROSKI.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., Oct. 26.—We hear much about the valiant struggles the young workers are making in the different parts of the country. We hear of their victories and also their defeats. But how many sections there are wherein the conditions of the young workers are almost unbearable, where they are not organized and cannot put up any fight at all against the bosses. It is an established fact that they are more exploited than the adult workers, and their youth, instead of an asset, proves a liability.

West Virginia has long been well towards the top of the list in leading the exploitation of the young workers. It is considered a wealthy state but that wealth, although created by the workers, is not enjoyed by them.

Take, for instance, the general conditions of the factory, shop, and office workers in this section. Hours are long, wages miserable, and in most cases working conditions almost unbearable.

Look Over This Dump

First, we might consider the Murphy Co. owing the 5 and 10c. store in this city. The girls employed are paid the grand total sum of \$7.50 per week, hours from 8 till 5:30, and on Saturdays till 9 p.m. On that amount they are expected to meet their living expenses, dress well, look well, and their general appearance must denote prosperity.

Youth is used to good advantage (for the bosses) in this instance. During the holiday season and especially around Christmas an S. O. S. is sent by the management to the local high school, offering to help the students by giving them a chance to earn some extra money. How philanthropic! Wages are thus kept down. Most of the girls employed are of school age staying at home and depending on their parents for a living.

An Enamelled Hell

Then we have the young employees of the enamel works owned by the United States Stamping Co. Here the wages paid are something like ten dollars per week for the girls, hours from 7 to 5. The work is injurious to the health. The speed-up system also is used, enabling some of the workers to earn more money, but at what a loss to their health and vitality! The hours for the boys are of course longer, the night shift alone working twelve, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Here also the speed-up system is used and some of the workers, if unusually good slaves, sometimes earn the grand sum of \$25 or \$30 per week. The low wages paid force some of the workers to resort to what is commonly styled by the bosses as cheating. Of course such practice is punished as the bosses see fit.

Glass Company Exploitation

The speed-up system here is also used. Some of the expert workers manage to make around \$20 or \$25 per week if the season is good. But they complain of the low wages that are paid them for glassware that commands such exorbitant prices throughout the country. Only a few cents is paid them for plates that bring in around \$20 for the company.

The Fostoria Glass Co. boasts of the fact that it gives its workers a one or two week vacation during the month of July each year. What a misrepresentation! Yes, a vacation, but without pay. But instead of being considered as a vacation by the workers it is rather a period of unemployment during which they must suffer.

Little Different Than Prisoners

Then we have the shirt factory owned by Gordon, the same man who contracts for prison labor at the state penitentiary here. He is well versed in the exploitation of the workers and certainly takes advantage of his youthful employees. Around ten dollars per week is paid them if they work unusually hard but even

lower than that is offered to some of the workers.

Those who prove themselves good and faithful slaves are rewarded by working "piece work." They manage to make slightly more than, around fifteen dollars and less per week, but at what a cost to their general health! The work is sometimes dangerous and accidents occur.

In all of the above factories nothing is done for the comfort of the workers. In summer the heat is terrific, in winter the cold unbearable! The general conditions are detrimental to the welfare of the workers.

Then we have the office workers, whose conditions are more pleasant and work more congenial. But they, also, are exploited. Their youth and inexperience proves a liability and is taken advantage of by the bosses. Although it is generally thought that they command higher pay than the other workers they in reality are offered only around \$40 and \$50 per month to begin with.

The Old, Old Bunk

Of course smooth, well oiled talk accompanies the offer in which pictures of future great salary, etc. are flashed before their minds, but many of them never rise above the fifteen dollar per week mark. On that they are expected to always be dressed well, have a large bank account, be able to afford all comforts, etc.

There is one thing that distinguishes all the workers here. They are not organized! Nothing has been done along that line for years. The bosses hate organized labor so much that the workers dare not even think of such an atrocity as a union. Thus they are exploited as much as the capitalists see fit and must bear any reduction in wages, longer hours, or anything else without a murmur.

Firms Always "Facing Ruin"

Of course, here as in every other part of the world, the firms are always on the verge of starvation when it comes to improving the conditions of the workers. They are always facing ruin and bankruptcy—only the dividends paid, instead of diminishing, are increasing and the satisfied grins on the faces of the stockholders grow wider year by year.

To add insult to injury the capitalists blame the workers for their living conditions and their lack of cash to the fact that they do not have a bank account. They should save and hoard the wonderful and enormous wages paid them and never be short of finances!

What a fertile field for organization here, but, oh, what a fight would have to be put up to accomplish such a thing!

CHICAGO ATTENTION!

A masquerade and theater affair is being given by working area Branch No. 4 of the Young Workers League of Chicago on Saturday, October 31, 1925, at the Windy City Ball Room, 1243 N. Wood St. The admission is 50 cents for adults and 15 cents for children, inclusive of wardrobe. The junior section is co-operating and all comrades are urged to attend.

The attack on Citlow is an attack on the workers of New York.

LENIN'S CORNER

Devoted to the Propaganda of Leninism

THESES FOR INTERNAL PROPAGANDA WORK ON EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION

(To be used as basis for talks, discussions, etc. in the nuclei and other units of the League.)

THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION, THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND BOLSHEVIZATION.

I. "The defeat of imperialism comes at the point where the chain of world imperialism is relatively weakest and where the forces pressing on it are relatively strongest." (Lenin). In 1917 this "link" in the imperialist chain was czarist Russia.

II. The victory of the October revolution and the setting up of the dictatorship of proletarian in Russia were the result of a whole series of social and political facts.

A. The general decomposition of the world economy and the bankruptcy of bourgeois power in the world war of 1914.

B. A well-developed industry based on foreign capital.

C. The backwardness of the czarist despotism, incapable of resisting the destructive influence of the war.

D. The weakness, in its all its relations, of the Russia bourgeoisie, incapable of building up, under the autocratic regime a solid apparatus

The Possibility to Enjoy Life

By a Young Worker Correspondent. I am working in a chocolate factory. Late I started to feel very weak. I could hardly work. Once I fainted, while I was sitting at the bench, surrounded by hundreds of boxes. A doctor was called. He examined me and said that I needed a good rest because I was overworked. He also told me that I must leave the city for a while and go out somewhere to the country to improve my health; otherwise, I would fall victim to a dangerous disease. At that time I could not even think about taking a vacation, because the wage I was paid for my work was only ten dollars on which I had to live with my old mother.

My shop mates knew me as a good honest working girl. They could not see me left in such miserable circumstances. They therefore wanted to lend me some money, which I could spend for a vacation. I did not want to take the money because I thought it is not fair to spend somebody's money for one's own benefit—but they tried to convince me, saying that I would pay them the debt.

So I took the money. After all, I had to support my mother and if I was sick—there would be nobody to support her. The thought of my duty to my mother compelled me to take the money and go for vacation. So I went.

When I came to the country I was surprised to see the free land with which I was surrounded. Wide green fields, deep pine woods! The sky was wonderfully clear. When you breathed you could feel the blood circulating in your body. While I was observing the beauty of the nature—I remembered the city, with its crowded streets, with its dirty houses and I asked myself—why is it that there is so much land, fresh air, and plenty of sunshine while we the working people are condemned to gloomy factories, cellars, dusty air, full of gasoline and other stuff, that poisons our lungs? While I was thinking about that, I saw the millions of workers old and young sitting daily in the shop, far from sunshine, far from the clear sky, far from the joy, that all this brings to us people. No wonder we become sick and die early.

Meanwhile there are other people as for instances my boss and yours. They never work; they never worry about tomorrow, because they live on our work. We the workers produce wealth for them. Those people, although healthy enough leave the city all summer and go to the best places such as, for instance, the mountains. They enjoy life and have much pleasure. Of course my boss and yours are not the only ones that do it. All the rich people have the opportunity to have steady good vacations.

Comparing these two opposite classes of people—the workers on the one hand and the capitalist on the other—I see that the ideas about "Equality and opportunity" the ideas that we are taught in school are very false. The idea that every man has the opportunity to become even a president is merely a phrase written on a piece of paper. Yes, and that phrase is good only for the people that wrote it, the people that want to fool us workers.

Yes, there is a chance to be rich and "lucky" only for those few who control all the land, factories, shops, mines, mills, palaces, houses and other things that were created only by the workers but do not serve for the workers.

Those few people own these things, because they got the power as the army, militia, courts, prisons and many other institutions, which are their weapon to defend themselves.

While I was thinking about this parasitic part of society—I saw that the workers could help themselves

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working class and of leading the toiling masses to complete victory.

For this reason, the bolshevization of the Communist Parties and the Communist Youth League is, in the present period of the development of the revolution, the principal task of all sections of the C. I. and the Y. C. I.

IV. The essence of the bolshevization of the C. P.'s and the Y. C. I.'s can be resumed under three heads:

A. The achievement of theoretical clarity and unity in question of program and tactics. The formation of a correct Leninist policy—the formation of a correct strategy and tactics for the specific situation.

B. The reorganization of the Party and League with the purpose of rooting the organization among the laboring masses and of rendering it capable of continually participating in and directing the economic and political actions to the working class. This can only be achieved thru reorganization on the basis of SHOP NUCLEI.

C. The permeation of the whole body to the organization with the spirit and the principles of Leninism. The development throughout the organization of wide circles of trained, reliable, and capable functionaries.

V. The Russian Party has always known how to combine the most revolutionary determination with the closest contact with the laboring masses. In the struggle for the majority of the working class it has known how to utilize the trade unions, the fraternal organizations, in fact, all organizations of the workers. It has proven its ability to issue the correct slogan in a form intelligible to the masses and to unite all these

changes in the economic situation and of the correlation of social forces, and the rapid adaptation of tactics to the

and live like human beings. The workers have only to understand their great importance as producers—that to them should belong everything that is created by them—then they will take over the power and form a society where there would not be more masters and more slaves. They, the workers, will form a society where everybody will be a producer. But such an occurrence can be expected only when the workingmen all over the world unite and fight their enemy—the capitalist class.

Our strength lies ONLY IN UNITY!

MIKE THE CHRISTIAN AND IKE THE JEW

SAYD Mike to Ike, "Ye dirty Jew—I'll whale the giblets out o' you! Yez blatherin' unbaptized galoot—I'm damn good mind to smash yer snoot."

SAYS Ike to Mike, "Ye Christian dog, You rotten beast vot lives on hog! When dot Priest rings dot old church bell, I tells der Pope to 'Go to H'll!'"

Well, then the blood and whiskers flew,
From Mike, the Christian, and Ike, the Jew.

Now both these lobsters worked all day
For the self-same Boss for blamed small pay,

And "Devil-a-bit" did this Boss care
For bloody mugs and the dobs of hair,

"If I," said the Boss, "can keep these two—
Mike, the Christian, and Ike, the Jew, Fighting about their creeds and such I can 'skin' 'em both to beat the Dutch."

"But if they drop their myths and creeds,
Ghosts and goblins and strings of beads—

If they find their INTERESTS both are one,
These fellows will soon put me 'on the run'!"

So the Boss lay back and smile a smile
As he thought of all the goodly pile

That he would "swipe" of the wealth that grew
From the sweat of Christian and of Jew.

He thanked the Ghosts with all his heart,
That keep poor Mike and Ike apart,

What do I care for their pain and loss,
While they fight each other instead of the Boss?"

Save Mathias Rakosi!



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partial struggle with the revolutionary struggle for power.

It was all this that enabled the Bolshevik Party to triumph and to destroy the influence of the hensheviks over the workers under the regime of the autocracy and after.

It is the development of this ability of other parties and leagues and the absorption of all these experiences, not mechanically but in a Leninist spirit—that is one of the essential conditions of bolshevization.

VI. A thoroly Marxist Party always basing itself on the revolutionary dictatorship, the Russian Communist Party understood from the beginning, the great role that the epoch of imperialism places on the peasantry. The victory of the Revolution in February and October, as well as all the victories of the Soviet power over the counter-revolution, must be attributed to this unions, perfected by the Bolsheviks of the proletariat and the peasantry under the hegemony and direction of the proletariat and its Party.

VII. Thru its firmness and determination and, at the same time, thru its revolutionary elasticity, the Bolshevik Party succeeded in knitting together its ranks firmly both ideologically and organizationally. The Bolsheviks always desired unity in the Party but only on the basis of a Marxist ideology, of Leninist program and tactics. But when any petty bourgeois or reformist tendencies manifested themselves, the Bolsheviks have always unmasked and laid bare these tendencies mercilessly. They never hesitated to go to the extreme of expulsion and exclusion in the process of self-purification from any non-Marxist tendencies. They always guard the revolutionary theoretical purity of the party with the greatest care. In this way, they arrived at a cohesiveness and unity that was the result NOT of any agreement between several tendencies coexisting within the same organization but of a firm unity of comrades of the same Leninist ideology, of the same convictions, all working towards the same end—the victory of the revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

A Bolshevik organization must be a

Los Angeles Negroes Favor Labor Congress

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The campaign of the Young Workers League and the Workers Party among the colored workers of this city is beginning to show some real results. After a series of street meetings and a widespread distribution of leaflets and the Negro Champion to acquaint them of the aims of the American Negro Labor Congress, a committee from the Young Workers League visited the Open Forum of the colored people last Sunday afternoon. Robert Whitaker delivered a talk upon the awakening of the colonial peoples of all races, and then the committee introduced a resolution supporting the Congress to be held this month in Chicago. Immediately a hot discussion began among the members; the older Negroes were against the resolution, but the youth element in the Forum favored it; when the vote was taken, the conservatives lost out, for the resolution passed by a vote of over two to one. The chairman of the Forum immediately resigned his office, stating "this here organization is getting too red for me." But the red scare didn't frighten the young Negroes at all, for they promptly accepted the resignation and elected a new chairman from their own ranks. They promised that they would see to it that all Negro organizations and papers in Los Angeles would receive a copy of the resolution with the recommendation to take similar action and adopt it.

Lately quite a few young Negroes have been coming up to the headquarters of the Young Workers League asking for the Negro Champion and some leaflets, and expressing their sympathy with the work the Communists were doing. Three thousand leaflets have already been distributed, and all the Negro Champions entirely sold out. Arrangements for a mass meeting in the Negro workers district will be announced within a week or two.

Will Schneiderman.

CONDITIONS IN NEW YORK SCHOOLS GROWING WORSE WORKERS ARE HIT HARDEST

(Special to the Young Worker)

NEW YORK, October 23.—That conditions in the public schools are becoming continually worse, despite the propaganda of the Hyatt-Tamm Hall crowd to the contrary, can be seen from the facts that are being brought out during the course of the election campaign here.

E. C. Gibney, director of extension activities of the Board of Education, reported recently that out of a total of twenty-two thousand pupils who have applied for admission to the summer high schools, almost nine thousand had to be turned away. The Board of Education has ceased giving even the most necessary supplies to the pupils; instead, making them buy it themselves. This causes a good deal of hardship among the working class families who are hardest hit by the budget.

The budget for the coming year has just been made public. The request for additional funds by the Board of Education has been refused. Teachers have also been refused their request for salary increases. On the other hand money was appropriated for an additional two thousand police. The excuse is that there are not enough to curb the crime wave. If however the police that are used to break strikes were used to catch criminals no additional police would be necessary.

Incidentally it is interesting to note that besides the millionaire criminals who are never convicted anyway, most of the others are youths between the ages of 18 and 23 who have been unable to get jobs.

monolithic organization, hewn of one piece. No deviation from the strict line of Leninist policy must be tolerated. The strictest discipline, based on a common Leninist ideology, must characterize a Bolshevik organization.

It must represent the unity of ideology, will and action of the organized vanguard of the proletariat.

IX. Never afraid of remaining a minority of the working class nor even a small minority when the logic of events so demanded, the Bolsheviks always carried on their activity with the aim of capturing majority of the working class confident that the development of the class struggle and the onward of the world proletarian revolution together with the untiring activity of the Bolshevik Party would in the end grant victory to the proletariat and to its vanguard, the Communist Party.